THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Primary Health Centres are established as per population norms based on 1991 census. The position of PHCs in U.P. (U.P. & Uttaranchal) as per 1991 Census is as under:

| Required | In position | Surplus/Short |
|---|---|---|
| 3723 | 3808 | Surplus |

The number of PHCs in (reorganized) U.P. is 3551.

During Ninth Five Year Plan, no targets for setting up of new Primary Health Centres, were given to U.P. as PHCs were already in excess of the actual requirement based on population norms. Instead emphasis was laid on strengthening of existing PHCs.

**Diabetes among Adolescents**

2160. SHRI KA.RA. SUBBIAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the study conducted by Delhi Diabetes Forum, diabetes is on the rise among adolescents;

(b) whether any concrete steps have been taken to control or completely eradicate this disease in the country;

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the programmes and schemes implemented by Government for the past five years to control diabetes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) Government is not aware of details of any such study. However, according to ICMR, there is epidemiological evidence showing increase in the prevalence of diabetes particularly in the urban areas.

(b) to (d) Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. A pilot Project on "Strengthening of Bio-Chemical Laboratories and Quality Assurance", was initiated in 1999-2000 in the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal & Punjab. The National Diabetes Control Programme has now been merged with the Indian Council of Medical Research which has constituted as Expert Group to formulate a revised comprehensive Plan of action to control diabetes. Central Health Education Bureau(CHEB) has also strategies/programme

including use of powerful electronic media to spread health messages to increase Public Health awareness about diabetes.

**Integrated National Drug Policy**

†2161. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are spending only one per cent of total budget on health services;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to spend ten per cent of the budget on health services;

(c) whether various organizations of doctors have urged the Government to formulate perspective integrated National Drug Policy so as to ensure safe as well as cheap medicines to patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Central Government has been spending about 1.3% of the total budget on health care services. The Central Government has been making every efforts to increase its contribution to the public health expenditure. The resources for public investment in health sector are also being augmented by securing assistance from various bi-lateral and multi-lateral agencies for implementation of various disease control programmes. Health infrastructure in certain States has also been upgraded with World Bank assistance.

The draft National Health Policy, 2001 envisages increasing the Central and State Governments' contribution from the existing 15 percent and 5.5 percent to 25 per cent and 8 per cent respectively of the total spending in the health sector by 2010.

(c) and (d) The main objectives of the present Drug Policy, as modified in September, 1994, *inter-alia*, include ensuring abundant availability at reasonable prices of essential and life saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality.

**Review of PHCs**

2162. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the functioning of the Primary Health Centres recently in the country in order to achieve the goal of health for all;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.